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PHASE SHIFT ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALTERNATE PSM

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- U.S. Patent 6,249,904 to Cobb, "Method and Apparatus for Submicron IC Design Using Edge Fragment Tagging to Correct Edge Placement Distortion," discloses a process to correct edge placement distortion.
- U.S. Patent 6,057,064 to Lin, "Double-Alternating Phase-Shifting Mask," describes a double alternating PSM.
- U.S. Patent 6,396,158 to Travis et al., "Semiconductor Device and a Process for Designing a Mask," discloses a mask process including assist features.
- U.S. Patent 6,312,856 to Lin, "Half-Tone Phase Shift Mask for Fabrication of Poly Line," reveals a PSM with assist features.
- U.S. Patent 6,303,252 to Lin, "Reticle Having Assist Feature Between Semi-Dense Lines," describes a reticle having an assist feature between semi-dense lines.

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